

**Attendance: Year to Date %**

Catkins: 96.19

Willow: 95.74

Beech: 95.82

Holly: 95.23



Well Done Catkins, Willow, Beech & Holly.



**Armistice Day Memorial**

On Wednesday 8th November we will be walking to Firle War Memorial to observe two minutes silence, leaving school at 10.45am. All parents and members of the community are invited to join us there from 10.55am. Please let the office know if you are able to walk there and back with us, to ensure the correct ratio of adults to children.

Poppies are available for purchase from the school office.



**Spooky Disco!**

On the 20th October, spookiness leaked from the doors of the hall, beckoning in the inquisitive pupils dressed from cunning ghouls to ghastly zombies. There were amazingly intricate pumpkin carvings, ravenous masks displayed upon the walls and spider strewn cobwebs draping from the ceiling, with all credit to the Friends of Firle School, who practically rose the dead with this hair-raising décor and Halloween hits!

Thank you to Friends of Firle!

*By Flora Mitchell.*

**Children in Need**

Please remember we will be having our fundraising event on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – We will be paying £1 to dress up as a character from history and spend the day doing historical activities related to our characters.

**Front of School tidy up!**

We would like to say a **big thank you** to Will and Sally Hecks for coming into school during the half term holiday and clearing all the brambles and overgrown shrubs etc. from the front of the school. It looks brilliant and will help the school to look its best – especially with the upcoming Open Day visits for prospective new parents visiting the school, as they consider where to send their children in September 2018.



### Water Bottles – Reminder

As you know all the children received their water bottles before half term. It has been really good to see the children with their named water bottles enjoying plenty to drink each day. Please make sure they have their named water bottle in school every day – particularly as good hydration is so important for their learning. Thank you!



### Stand up for East Sussex!

You may have already be aware that East Sussex County Council has launched a fairer funding campaign – Stand Up For East Sussex.

People across East Sussex are being urged to stand up for their county by calling on the Government to give them a fairer deal.

They're asking residents and businesses to sign a petition to the Prime Minister which calls for an urgent rethink on the resources the county receives. In 2014 Ofsted rated 64 per cent of primary schools in East Sussex as good or outstanding. In 2017 it's 91 per cent and we want the Government to give us a long-term funding plan to maintain that success. The campaign also highlights how adult social care, transport, jobs and the economy would benefit from a fairer funding deal.

If you could sign the petition we'd be extremely grateful.

Here's the link to the petition: <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/consultation/stand-up-for-east-sussex> and here's a link to the education specific video: <https://youtu.be/nweekZTNOM>



### Maths Passports Update

Our Maths Passport work is becoming well established as part of our teaching and learning at Firle. The children will bring an updated copy of their objectives home each week after their teacher has assessed them in class. The teacher will date the objective if enough evidence has been seen to indicate that the child is secure. Each objective needs to be dated 3 times by the teacher before we move the children on, so please be aware that your child may have the same objectives to work on over a few weeks. This allows consolidation to take place and the knowledge to then be held in the long term memory of the children! Each passport is designed to be worked on over a period of at least two months, so the children must not be rushed through the process. When the children have met all the objectives, they will complete a 'Passport



Control Test' where they demonstrate they are secure with the range of objectives on that passport. From South America onwards, these are timed tests so it is important the children are practising rapid recall of their objectives. Your child's class teacher will send home the new passport when it is issued. Please work with your children on the objectives identified by the class teacher. We will also be working on the objectives through the week, in class. Thank you for the support given so far. It is making a real difference to the children and we are already seeing huge improvements in mental maths and rapid recall of number facts!



### Football Tournament 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Yesterday, Firle football team took part in a tournament on the school field. We invited Alfriston, Laughton, and Blackboys & Framfield along to play as the opposition teams. The first game was Firle against Alfriston and unluckily we lost 0-5. The next game was against Laughton and the score was 0-2 to them. Our last game was against Blackboys & Framfield, but they won 0-2. Overall Firle played brilliantly and we almost scored several times. We really enjoyed the tournament!

*By Lucy Davey.*

### Attendance

You will have received a leaflet distributed by East Sussex County Council regarding attendance at school, detailing the links between poor attendance and poor attainment. I will be writing to the parents of all children whose attendance currently stands at below 95%, but all families should aim to achieve 100% attendance.

### Messages from Friends of Firle

#### Spooky Disco

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Spooky Disco at the end of term. With lots of brilliant people to help we transformed the school hall in an hour and were out in even less time! Some of the costumes were amazing, well done everyone (special mention to Gollum!) and we raised £121.59, after expenses. Thank you to everyone, especially Mia and Thomas for the music.

#### Second-hand Uniform

In addition we have made £69.10 in second hand uniform sales so far this term already, which is amazing. Please donate any unwanted items to Catherine via the school office and ask if you need anything specifically. Size 28-32 sweatshirts are particularly needed!

All items of non-uniform can be donated to Bag2School - see below  
Jumble Sale & Bag2School collection

#### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Bag2School is a free fundraising scheme, established in 1999, for anyone wanting to raise funds using a resource EVERYONE has got in their wardrobe - unwanted clothes!

They supply the bags to fill and then send a van to collect them.



Bags are then weighed and we receive a cheque according to the weight we have collected. Simple! You will all have received a Bag2School sack in your children's book bags today! Feel free to put in any items detailed on the stickers - anything at all is helpful and any extra bags are acceptable! Firle School is paid for every kilo we collect when the company collect the bags on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November but Friends of Firle are holding a **HUGE JUMBLE SALE** on TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER and **EVERYTHING IS 50p!** Please bring bags in to school from Thursday 16th November. Any help gratefully received!

Did you know that you can support the school by buying things through The Giving Machine Page? It's simple you can do your online shopping as normal just sign up below and head to Amazon, Staples, Ebay, Waitrose, Aviva, John Lewis, and many more via the Giving Page. Every time you spend, the school gets money! It's as simple as that. So far just 27 people have signed up and £337 has been donated! AMAZING! It's easy to sign up - just click the link below and while you do your Christmas shopping online you can be sending precious pennies to the school as well.

[https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/firle-church-of-england-primary-school/?utm\\_campaign=3ca44187b7-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2017\\_09\\_11&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Givers&utm\\_term=0\\_92b6050f63-3ca44187b7-147341609](https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/firle-church-of-england-primary-school/?utm_campaign=3ca44187b7-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_09_11&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Givers&utm_term=0_92b6050f63-3ca44187b7-147341609)

Ask your families to sign up too! Happy Shopping!

**Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December from 11am - 2pm** Did you see our list of jobs?! We are getting there, but **please** email Catherine [cmoore2a@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cmoore2a@yahoo.co.uk) or Emily [emily.bailey@mac.com](mailto:emily.bailey@mac.com) if you can help with anything on the day, or if you could provide a raffle prize or items for our pop-up kid's Christmas Shop? It's going to be fantastic!!

#### Help needed to erect Marquee for Christmas Fair

Help is needed to put up the marquee in the school playground for the Christmas Fair. If you can spare an hour or so 2pm Friday afternoon (1<sup>st</sup> December) then please text Daniel (Josephine & Barnaby's Dad) on 07799 414291  
Many hands make light work!

## Dates for your diary.....

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> Anti bullying week

#### Cooking Club

#### 15th November Group A

17<sup>th</sup> November official Children in Need but **CHANGE OF DATE** - as Holly are at Hind Leap Warren on this day, we will have our Children in Need fundraising event the following week on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

15<sup>th</sup> - 17th November Hind Leap Warren

24<sup>th</sup> November Height and Weight check Year 6

#### Cooking Club

**29<sup>th</sup> November Group B**

**December**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Fair
- 4<sup>th</sup> R.E. Day & Parent Forum 2.30pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> New intake Open Morning
- 5<sup>th</sup> Big Sing

**Cooking Club**

**6<sup>th</sup> December -everyone**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Coming of the Light Church Service 2pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> December Pantomime 10am
- 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Nativity 9.30am
- 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas lunch/jumper day
- 18<sup>th</sup> Carol Service 6pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Break up for Christmas holiday

**INSET dates for 2018**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018
- 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Details of these events will follow.....

**Children mentioned in our Golden Book and in Celebration Assemblies:**

**DATE: 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

- Catkins:** Lowen - for working so hard on his reading and learning new letter sounds  
Shea - for being a busy learner in everything he does: - numbers, letters, building/construction
- Willow:** River - for doing some amazing writing  
Alex - for listening well and for being kind and helpful
- Beech:** Emerald - for working really hard at her Maths Passport  
Annabelle - for working hard in every lesson, even if she finds it tricky
- Holly:** Joel - for fantastic effort in English lessons this week. He has produced some lovely persuasive writing.  
Josephine - For excellent progress in maths. She has a great attitude to learning and her confidence is improving all the time.





**DATE: 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017**

- Catkins:** Ollie - for working so hard on designing and making things, like your boat, building with bricks and in the woods for your Diwali outfit.  
Emily - for working so hard on everything! Even though you're already doing so well with reading, writing and maths, you keep on trying and meeting new challenges.
- Willow:** Bea P - for trying and trying until she understood some tricky maths work  
Pearl - for trying hard in everything she does and always with a smile.
- Beech:** Monty - for working really hard on his English and writing lovely stories with lots of detail.  
Jay - for handwriting and presenting work beautifully for the wall in the hall
- Holly:** Louisa - for progress in maths. Louisa is growing in confidence all the time!  
Josephine - for improved confidence in maths. She is really challenging herself in her learning, well done!